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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-1.98 and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the following references be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

U.S. Patents

<u>U.S. Pat. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
4,941,415	07-17-1990	Pope et al.
6,439,135 B1	08-27-2002	Pope
624,388	05-02-1899	F. Siemens
685,539	10-29-1901	W. Swindell
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5,159,899	11-03-1992	Dobrzynski
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5,619,938	04-15-1997	Kaneko
5,711,232	01-27-1998	Yamaguro et al.
5,741,465	04-21-1998	Gregg
5,823,122	10-20-1998	Chronowski et al.
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Foreign Patents

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DT-2432504-A1	01-15-1976	Germany
DE-2639165-A1	03-02-1978	Germany
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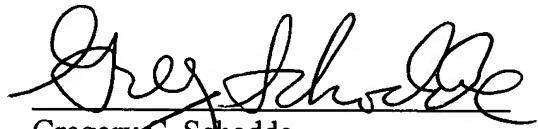
Other

Walter R. Niessen, et al., Evaluation of Gasification and Novel Thermal Process for the Treatment of Municipal Solid Waste, NREL, August 1996, 1-1 - 9-6, NREL/TP-430-21612, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Golden, Co, USA.

The above-identified reference(s) are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and copies are also enclosed herewith. This submission is in no way intended as an admission that the above-cited references constitute prior art. Applicant expressly retains the right to take any actions necessary to remove the above-cited references from the available prior art. Consideration of the above-identified references in the examination of the present patent application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-0017.

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